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1 10. (Amended) A software module used in a computer system operable to provide
2 controlled access to a software application being stored on a fixed medium in the
3 computer system and being distributed with the computer system, the software
4 module operating by automatically:
5 detecting use of the software application on the computer system; and
6 verifying authority to access the software application by querying a user's account,
7 and if authority to uninterrupted access is verified, then enabling uninterrupted
8 access to the data.

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1 17. (Amended) The software module of claim 10 further comprising:
2 [if authority is verified, then allowing uninterrupted access to the software
3 application; and]
4 if authority is not verified, then interrupting access to the software application.

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1 21. (Amended) A computer system operable to provide controlled access to a
2 software application stored on a fixed medium in the computer system and distributed
3 with the computer system comprising:
4 a processor;
5 a memory coupled to the processor; and
6 a software module executable on the processor and the memory, the software module
7 being responsive to the activation of the software application to automatically:
8 verify authority to access the software application by querying a user's
9 account;
10 if authority is verified, then to allow uninterrupted access to the software
11 application; and
12 if authority is not verified, then to interrupt access to the software application.

Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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